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LOYOLA WARRIORS - AN IMPROVED FOOTBALL TEAM

Head Coach Bob Lincoln of Loyola College Warriors is beaming with pride these days.

"You know, the team looks as good right now as it looked at the end of last season," commented Lincoln this week, less than a week after the start of Warriors' pre-season camp. "If we can avoid the injury bug-a-boo we should be a strong contender for the league championship."

Lincoln is especially pleased with the condition in which last year's players reported. "Most of them were in top condition," said Lincoln, "which gives us a big head start at camp."

Warriors open their next season next Tuesday in Canton, N.Y. against a highly-touted St. Lawrence University team. Except for unlimited motion the Warriors will play U.S. rules against St. Lawrence.

Following that game the Loyola gridders will travel to Kingston, Ont. to face the mighty Queen's University Golden Gaels of the Senior Intercollegiate League Sept. 16. Warrior's last non-league game will be at home against cross town rivals, McGill Redmen, in a contest for the unofficial City Intercollegiate championship.

Loyola opens its regular Central Canada Intercollegiate Football Conference Sept. 30 in Lennoxville against last year's Ottawa-St. Lawrence Conference finalists, Bishop's University Gaitsers.

"I won't pick my full team until after the McGill game," points out Coach Lincoln. "Everybody will get an equal chance to make the club. We don't have to start cutting until Sept. 30."

One freshman who has really stood out in Warriors' first few days of scrimmaging is Dwayne Dudgeon, a graduate of St. Thomas High in Pointe Claire. At 6'2", 195 pounds, Dudgeon has been outstanding at his offensive end spot, according to Lincoln.

Other newcomers who look good to crack the starting lineup are freshman Ron Pollard, a defensive end, and sophomore Domenic D'Ermo, a corner linebacker on last year's Jayvee team.

Terry Whalen, last year's backup quarterback, appears a strong bet to get the nod as starting QB . "Terry has improved immensely since last year," says Lincoln.

"Actually, all our quarterbacks have looked good," points out the head coach, "and most of the credit must go to quarterback coach Sam Etcheverry. I'm a firm believer that a team must have a quarterback coach."